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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Draft Technical Support Document

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TO: Regional Water Management Division Directors
Regional Environmental Services Division Directors
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The latest draft of EPA's Technical Support Document for Water Quality-Based Toxics Control is attached for your review and comment. This document is being developed to assist EPA and the States in implementing the EPA national policy on water quality-based permitting for toxics control (see notice in 49 Federal Register 9016: Friday, March 9, 1984).

Although a few Regions and States have commented on previous drafts of the document, we have not had the benefit of a wide review. We are also sending this draft of the guidance document to environmental groups, industry groups, and interested individuals. Comments on the the short term tests contained in the human health section (Section 4) would be especially appreciated. We are also actively seeking Regional and State review of the discussion of duration and frequency criteria for toxic substances. Although this is an informal review, we need to receive comments as soon as possible and no later than August 31, 1984. We plan to make final revisions to the manual prior to a series of EPA Regional and State workshops in Fall 1984 and Spring 1985.

Comments should be addressed to either of us. Questions may be addressed to Rick Brandes or Bruce Newton (Permits Division, 202/FTS-426-7010) or Elizabeth Southerland (Monitoring and Data Support Division, 202/FTS-382-7022). Thank you for your assistance.

Attachment